proposal has inter-alia not received clearance from the environment angle and the funding for this project has not been tied-up.

Foreign assistance for FPIs in Kerala

2946. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(b) whether the Kerala Government has requested for assistance for establishing any Food Processing Industry, with foreign collaboration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) A food processing plant is being established under Kerala Horticulture Development Programme to process pineapple and mangoes near Muvattmpuzha, Ernakulam District, Kerala State with the funding of European Union, as per a financing agreement signed between the Government of India and the European Union on 17.1.1992. The plant is being established on turnkey basis by M/s. Alberto Bertuzzi Spa of Italy. The total cost as per contract is Italian Lire 9,479,380,000 (Nine Billion Four Hundred and Seventy Nine Million Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand Italian Lire only) on turn key basis and the work is in progress. The plant is likely to be commissioned by the end of 1997.

Employment Assurance Scheme in Gujarat

2947. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds and the beneficiaries under the Employment Assurance Scheme, during 1995-96, State-wise;

(b) the agencies entrusted with registering the names of potential beneficiaries;

(c) the number of unemployed rural people in Gujarat, district-wise; and

(d) the funds earmarked and utilised for the purpose, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The details of State-wise Central releases during 1995-96 may please be seen at Annexure-I. The number of beneficiaries under the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is not monitored. However, mandays generated under the scheme, State-wise may also be seen at statement-1 *(see* below).

(b) The persons seeking employment under EAS should register themselves in the village panchayats, where they are residing.

(c) The number of job-seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, belonging to the rural areas, who were on the line register of employment exchanges in Gujarat may please be seen at Statement-II *(See* below)

(d) The funds released and utilised for the purpose in Gujarat during 1995-96 district-wise may please be seen at statement III.

Statement-I

SI. No.	State/ U.T.	Central Release (1995-96) Days	Lac man-Generated (Total)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14550.00	252.42
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1859.00	50.67
3.	Assam	8020.00	181.82
4.	Bihar	16230.00	254.44
5.	Gujarat	6970.00	92.45
6.	Haryana	3320.00	52.11